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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

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MARTINEZ; ISAAC ANTONIO  
LOPEZ CASTILLO; JOSUE  
VLADIMIR CORTEZ DIAZ; JOSUE  
MATEO LEMUS CAMPOS;  
MARVIN JOSUE GRANDE  
RODRIGUEZ; ALEXANDER  
ANTONIO BURGOS MEJIA; LUIS  
PEÑA GARCIA; JULIO CESAR  
BARAHONA CORNEJO, as  
individuals,

Plaintiffs,

v.

THE GEO GROUP, Inc., a Florida  
corporation; the CITY OF  
ADELANTO, a municipal entity; GEO  
LIEUTENANT DURAN, sued in her  
individual capacity; GEO  
LIEUTENANT DIAZ, sued in her  
individual capacity; GEO  
SERGEANT CAMPOS, sued in his  
individual capacity; SARAH JONES,  
sued in her individual capacity; THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA;  
and DOES 1-10, individuals,

Defendants.

Case No. 5:18-cv-01125-R-GJS

**DEFENDANTS THE GEO GROUP,  
INC., DURAN, AND CITY OF  
ADELANTO'S ANSWER TO FIRST  
AMENDED COMPLAINT; AND  
DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL**

Judge: Honorable Manuel L. Real

Defendants THE GEO GROUP, INC., R. DURAN (an employee of the GEO  
GROUP), and CITY OF ADELANTO answer Plaintiffs' First Amended Complaint

1 (FAC) (Doc. #32), filed on October 11, 2018, as follows:

2 **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

3 1. In response to paragraph 1 of plaintiffs' FAC, defendants admit that  
4 this court has jurisdiction over this case under its federal question jurisdiction,  
5 pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1331. Defendants deny any remaining allegations for lack  
6 of information and belief.

7 2. In response to paragraph 2 of plaintiffs' FAC, defendants admit that  
8 the incidents complained of in this action occurred in the City of Adelanto, San  
9 Bernardino County, State of California. Defendants deny any remaining allegations  
10 for lack of information and belief.

11 **PRELIMINARY STATEMENT**

12 3. In response to paragraphs 3 and 4 of plaintiffs' FAC, defendants lack  
13 sufficient information to admit or deny the allegations regarding plaintiffs' journey  
14 to the United States or reasons for their attempted immigration, and on that basis,  
15 deny the allegations. Defendants deny any remaining allegations for lack of  
16 information and belief.

17 4. In response to paragraph 5 of plaintiffs' FAC, defendants admit  
18 plaintiffs were taken into custody and transported to the Adelanto Detention Center.  
19 Defendants deny any remaining allegations for lack of information and belief.

20 5. In response to paragraph 6 of plaintiffs' Complaint, defendants deny  
21 that the conditions of Adelanto are deplorable. Defendants specifically deny the  
22 claimed number of suicides. Defendants deny any remaining allegations for lack of  
23 information and belief.

24 6. In response to paragraph 7 of plaintiffs' FAC, defendants deny that  
25 plaintiffs had inhumane conditions, dirty clothes, inedible meals, lack of access to  
26 drinking water, or any other poor living conditions. Defendants have no input on  
27 the amount of bond set for plaintiffs. Defendants deny any remaining allegations  
28 for lack of information and belief.



1           13. In response to paragraphs 20-21 of plaintiffs' FAC, defendants admit  
2 that plaintiff Rodriguez was detained at Adelanto. Defendants deny Rodriguez was  
3 brutally attacked and deny that his rights were violated. Defendants deny that  
4 Rodriguez had pepper spray burns, bruising, or a head injury as a result of this  
5 incident. Defendants deny any remaining allegations for lack of information and  
6 belief.

7           14. In response to paragraphs 22-23 of plaintiffs' FAC, defendants admit  
8 that plaintiff Burgos Mejia was detained at Adelanto. Defendants deny Burgos  
9 Mejia was brutally attacked and deny that his rights were violated. Defendants  
10 deny that Burgos Mejia had pepper spray burns, bruising, or a head injury as a  
11 result of this incident. Defendants deny any remaining allegations for lack of  
12 information and belief.

13           15. In response to paragraphs 24-25 of plaintiffs' FAC, defendants admit  
14 that plaintiff Garcia was detained at Adelanto. Defendants deny Garcia was  
15 brutally attacked and deny that his rights were violated. Defendants deny that  
16 Garcia had pepper spray burns, bruising, or a head injury as a result of this incident.  
17 Defendants deny any remaining allegations for lack of information and belief.

18           16. In response to paragraphs 26-27 of plaintiffs' FAC, defendants admit  
19 that plaintiff Cornejo was detained at Adelanto. Defendants deny Cornejo was  
20 brutally attacked and deny that his rights were violated. Defendants deny that  
21 Cornejo had pepper spray burns, bruising, or injuries to his abdomen and knee as a  
22 result of this incident. Defendants deny any remaining allegations for lack of  
23 information and belief.

24           17. In response to paragraph 28 of plaintiffs' FAC, defendants admit The  
25 GEO Group, Inc. is a private corporation headquartered in Boca Raton, Florida.  
26 Defendants deny any remaining allegations for lack of information and belief.

27           18. In response to paragraph 29 of plaintiffs' FAC, these allegations do not  
28 concern the responding GEO defendants, and therefore are not answered herein.

1           19. In response to paragraph 30 of plaintiffs' FAC, defendants admit that  
2 ICE detainees were housed at the Adelanto detention center. Defendants deny any  
3 remaining allegations for lack of information and belief.

4           20. In response to paragraphs 31-34, Defendants admit that R. Duran,  
5 Lieutenant Diaz, and Sergeant Campos were employees of GEO during all relevant  
6 time periods. Defendants deny that Licensed Vocational Nurse Jones was an  
7 employee of GEO. Defendants deny any remaining allegations for lack of  
8 information and belief.

9           21. In response to paragraphs 35-36 of plaintiffs' FAC, the allegations  
10 concerning the United States of America do not concern the responding defendants,  
11 and therefore are not answered herein.

12           22. In response to paragraph 37 of plaintiffs' FAC, the allegations  
13 concerning DOE defendants do not concern the responding defendants, and  
14 therefore are not answered herein.

### 15                                   **FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

16           23. In response to paragraphs 39-45 of plaintiffs' FAC, defendants admit  
17 that GEO staff ordered plaintiffs to leave the day room and return to their assigned  
18 bunks after breakfast on the morning of June 12, 2017. Defendants admit that  
19 backup was requested after plaintiffs refused to leave the area. Defendants deny  
20 any remaining allegations for lack of information and belief.

21           24. In response to paragraphs 46-47 of plaintiffs' FAC, defendants admit  
22 that a supervisor arrived and displayed a can of pepper spray. Defendants admit  
23 that short bursts of pepper spray were used to gain compliance with lawful orders.  
24 Defendants deny that any detainees were pepper sprayed at close range. Defendants  
25 deny any remaining allegations for lack of information and belief.

26           25. In response to paragraph 48 of plaintiffs' FAC, defendants admit that  
27 plaintiffs were physically separated and restrained. Defendants deny that any  
28 detainees were assaulted or slammed onto the floor and walls. Defendants deny

1 any remaining allegations for lack of information.

2 26. In response to paragraphs 49-50 of plaintiffs' FAC, defendants deny  
3 that Defendant Campos sprayed plaintiffs at close range. Defendants deny any  
4 remaining allegations for lack of information.

5 27. In response to paragraphs 51-55 of plaintiffs' FAC, defendants admit  
6 that plaintiffs were physically separated and restrained. Defendants deny that any  
7 detainees were assaulted or slammed onto the floor and walls. Defendants deny  
8 any remaining allegations for lack of information. Defendants deny that plaintiffs  
9 were taken to a small area where they were suffocated with pepper spray fumes.  
10 Defendants deny that medical staff ignored pleas for medical treatment and  
11 attention. Defendants deny any remaining allegations for lack of information.

12 28. In response to paragraph 56 of plaintiffs' FAC, defendants deny that  
13 they improperly restrained plaintiffs or caused injury to plaintiffs' wrists.  
14 Defendants deny any remaining allegations for lack of information.

15 29. In response to paragraphs 57-58 of plaintiffs' FAC, defendants deny  
16 that plaintiffs were forced to shower in hot water. Defendants deny that plaintiffs  
17 were denied medical attention. Defendants deny any remaining allegations for lack  
18 of information and belief.

19 30. In response to paragraphs 59-61 of plaintiffs' FAC, defendants admit  
20 that plaintiffs were taken to a restricted housing unit pending potential disciplinary  
21 action. Defendants deny any remaining allegations for lack of information and  
22 belief.

23 31. In response to paragraph 62 of plaintiffs' FAC, defendants deny that  
24 plaintiffs were denied medical attention. Defendants deny any remaining  
25 allegations for lack of information and belief.

26 32. In response to paragraphs 63-68 of plaintiffs' FAC, defendants admit  
27 that plaintiffs began a hunger strike. Defendants deny that they retaliated against  
28 plaintiffs. Defendants lack sufficient information to admit or deny what ICE agents

1 said to plaintiff, if anything, regarding the hunger strike. Defendants deny any  
2 remaining allegations for lack of information and belief.

### 3 **ADMINISTRATIVE CLAIM UNDER FEDERAL TORT CLAIM ACT**

4 33. In response to paragraph 69 of plaintiffs' FAC, the allegations  
5 concerning the United States of America do not concern the responding defendants,  
6 and therefore are not answered herein.

### 7 **EXHAUSTION OF ADMINISTRATIVE REMEDIES**

8 34. In response to paragraph 70 of plaintiffs' FAC, defendants deny that  
9 plaintiffs filed a timely state tort claim. Defendants deny any remaining allegations  
10 for lack of information and belief.

### 11 **MONELL ALLEGATIONS**

12 35. In response to paragraphs 71 to 74 of plaintiffs' Complaint, Defendant  
13 City of Adelanto denies that it had policies, practices, and/or customs that were the  
14 cause of plaintiffs' alleged injuries. Defendant denies that it failed to provide  
15 adequate training or supervisions, failed to adequately discipline or retrain officer,  
16 that it selected, retained, and assigned officers with demonstrable propensities for  
17 excessive force, violence, dishonesty, or other misconduct, or that it condoned or  
18 encouraged officers in the belief that they could violate rights. Defendant denies  
19 any remaining allegations for lack of information and belief.

### 20 **FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION: BATTERY**

21 36. In response to paragraphs 75 to 80 of plaintiffs' FAC, defendants deny  
22 that they assaulted or battered plaintiffs and deny they acted with the intent to harm  
23 plaintiffs. Defendants deny that plaintiffs were injured as a result of their conduct.  
24 Defendants deny they acted with malice, oppression, or conscious disregard of  
25 rights, and deny that they are liable for punitive damages. Defendant City of  
26 Adelanto denies that it is vicariously liable for any alleged acts by Defendant GEO  
27 or GEO employees. Defendants deny any remaining allegations for lack of  
28 information and belief.



1 **SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION: ASSAULT**

2 37. In response to paragraphs 81 to 86 of plaintiffs' FAC, defendants deny  
3 that they assaulted plaintiffs. Defendants deny that plaintiffs were injured as a  
4 result of their conduct. Defendants deny they acted with malice, oppression, or  
5 conscious disregard of rights, and deny that they are liable for punitive damages.  
6 Defendant City of Adelanto denies that it is vicariously liable for any alleged acts  
7 by Defendant GEO or GEO employees. Defendants deny any remaining  
8 allegations for lack of information and belief.

9 **THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION:**

10 **NEGLIGENT HIRING, TRAINING, AND SUPERVISION**

11 38. In response to paragraphs 87 to 91 of plaintiffs' FAC, defendants deny  
12 that they negligently hired, retained, or supervised its employees at Adelanto.  
13 Defendants deny that they intended to cause plaintiffs to suffer injury and deny that  
14 plaintiffs were injured physically or emotionally as a result of their conduct.  
15 Defendants deny any remaining allegations for lack of information and belief.

16 39. In response to paragraph 92 of plaintiffs' FAC, the allegations  
17 concerning the United States of America do not concern the responding defendants,  
18 and therefore are not answered herein.

19 40. In response to paragraph 93 of plaintiffs' FAC, Defendant City of  
20 Adelanto denies that it is vicariously liable for any alleged acts by Defendant GEO  
21 or GEO employees. Defendants deny any remaining allegations for lack of  
22 information and belief.

23 41. In response to paragraph 94 of plaintiffs' FAC, Defendants deny they  
24 acted with malice, oppression, or conscious disregard of rights, and deny that they  
25 are liable for punitive damages. Defendants deny any remaining allegations for  
26 lack of information and belief.

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**FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION: IIED**

42. In response to paragraphs 95-99 of plaintiffs' FAC, defendants deny that they engaged in extreme or outrageous conduct. Defendants deny that they intended to cause plaintiffs to suffer injury and deny that plaintiffs were injured physically or emotionally as a result of their conduct. Defendants deny they acted with malice, oppression, or conscious disregard of rights, and deny that they are liable for punitive damages. Defendants deny any remaining allegations for lack of information and belief.

43. In response to paragraphs 100-101 of plaintiffs' FAC, the allegations concerning the United States of America do not concern the responding defendants, and therefore are not answered herein.

44. In response to paragraph 102 of plaintiffs' FAC, Defendant City of Adelanto denies that it is vicariously liable for any alleged acts by Defendant GEO or GEO employees. Defendants deny any remaining allegations for lack of information and belief.

45. In response to paragraph 103 of plaintiffs' FAC, Defendants deny they acted with malice, oppression, or conscious disregard of rights, and deny that they are liable for punitive damages. Defendants deny any remaining allegations for lack of information and belief.

**FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION: FIRST AMENDMENT RETALIATION**

46. In response to paragraphs 104-109 of plaintiffs' FAC, defendants deny that they violated plaintiffs' rights. Defendants deny that they retaliated against plaintiffs. Defendants deny that plaintiffs were injured emotionally as a result of their conduct. Defendant GEO denies it failed to discipline or retrain officers. Defendants deny any remaining allegations for lack of information and belief.

47. In response to paragraph 110 of plaintiffs' FAC, the allegations concerning the United States of America do not concern the responding defendants, and therefore are not answered herein.

1           48. In response to paragraph 111 of plaintiffs' FAC, Defendants deny that  
2 they retaliated against Plaintiffs or violated clearly established law. Defendants  
3 deny any remaining allegations for lack of information and belief.

4           49. In response to paragraph 112 of plaintiffs' FAC, Defendants deny they  
5 acted with malice, oppression, or conscious disregard of rights, and deny that they  
6 are liable for punitive damages. Defendants deny any remaining allegations for  
7 lack of information and belief.

8                   **SIXTH CAUSE OF ACTION: FOURTH AND FOURTEENTH**  
9                   **AMENDMENT EXCESSIVE FORCE**

10           50. In response to paragraphs 113-117 of plaintiffs' FAC, defendants deny  
11 that they used excessive force against plaintiffs. Defendants deny that they intended  
12 to cause plaintiffs to suffer injury and deny that plaintiffs were injured physically or  
13 emotionally as a result of their conduct. Defendant GEO denies it failed to  
14 discipline or retrain officers. Defendants deny any remaining allegations for lack of  
15 information and belief.

16           51. In response to paragraph 118 of plaintiffs' FAC, the allegations  
17 concerning the United States of America do not concern the responding defendants,  
18 and therefore are not answered herein.

19           52. In response to paragraphs 119 of plaintiffs' FAC, Defendants deny that  
20 they used excessive force against Plaintiffs or violated clearly established law.  
21 Defendants deny any remaining allegations for lack of information and belief.

22           53. In response to paragraphs 120 of plaintiffs' FAC, Defendants deny  
23 they acted with malice, oppression, or conscious disregard of rights, and deny that  
24 they are liable for punitive damages. Defendants deny any remaining allegations  
25 for lack of information and belief.

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**SEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION: FIFTH AND FOURTEENTH  
AMENDMENTS RIGHT TO DUE PROCESS OF LAW**

54. In response to paragraphs 121 to 125 of plaintiffs' FAC, defendants deny that they deprived plaintiffs of liberty without due process of law. Defendants deny that they assaulted plaintiffs or retaliated against them. Defendants deny that plaintiffs were injured physically or emotionally as a result of their conduct. Defendant GEO denies it failed to discipline or retrain officers. Defendants deny any remaining allegations for lack of information and belief.

55. In response to paragraph 126 of plaintiffs' FAC, the allegations concerning the United States of America do not concern the responding defendants, and therefore are not answered herein.

56. In response to paragraphs 127 of plaintiffs' FAC, Defendants deny that they used excessive force or retaliated against Plaintiffs or violated clearly established law. Defendants deny any remaining allegations for lack of information and belief.

57. In response to paragraphs 128 of plaintiffs' FAC, Defendants deny they acted with malice, oppression, or conscious disregard of rights, and deny that they are liable for punitive damages. Defendants deny any remaining allegations for lack of information and belief.

**EIGHTH CAUSE OF ACTION: BANE ACT**

58. In response to paragraphs 129-132 of plaintiffs' FAC, defendants deny that they used threats, intimidation or coercion to interfere with plaintiffs' exercise of their constitutional rights. Defendants deny they acted with malice, oppression, or conscious disregard of rights, and deny that they are liable for punitive damages. Defendants deny any remaining allegations for lack of information and belief.

59. In response to paragraph 133 of plaintiffs' FAC, the allegations concerning the United States of America do not concern the responding defendants, and therefore are not answered herein.

1           60. In response to paragraph 134 of plaintiffs' FAC, Defendants deny that  
2 they caused Plaintiffs severe physical injury or emotional distress. Defendants deny  
3 any remaining allegations for lack of information and belief.

4           61. In response to paragraph 135 of plaintiffs' FAC, Defendants deny they  
5 acted with malice, oppression, or conscious disregard of rights, and deny that they  
6 are liable for punitive damages. Defendants deny any remaining allegations for  
7 lack of information and belief.

8                           **NINTH CAUSE OF ACTION: CONSPIRACY**  
9                           **TO INTERFERE WITH CIVIL RIGHTS**

10           62. In response to paragraphs 136 to 140 of plaintiffs' FAC, defendants  
11 deny that they conspired to deprive plaintiffs of equal protection. Defendants deny  
12 that plaintiffs were injured physically or emotionally as a result of their conduct.  
13 Defendants deny they acted with malice, oppression, or conscious disregard of  
14 rights, and deny that they are liable for punitive damages. Defendant City of  
15 Adelanto denies that it is vicariously liable for any alleged acts by Defendant GEO  
16 or GEO employees. Defendants deny any remaining allegations for lack of  
17 information and belief.

18                           **TENTH CAUSE OF ACTION: NEGLIGENCE AND FAILURE TO**  
19                           **PROVIDE MEDICAL CARE**

20           63. In response to paragraphs 141-142 of plaintiffs' FAC, defendants deny  
21 that plaintiffs were denied medical care. Defendants deny that they failed to  
22 properly assess the need of use of force against plaintiff or failure to provide timely  
23 medical assistance to plaintiffs. Defendants deny that plaintiffs were injured  
24 physically or emotionally as a result of their actions or inactions. Defendants deny  
25 any remaining allegations for lack of information and belief.

26           64. In response to paragraph 143 of plaintiffs' FAC, the allegations  
27 concerning the United States of America do not concern the responding defendants,  
28 and therefore are not answered herein.

65. In response to paragraph 135 of plaintiffs' FAC, Defendants deny they acted with malice, oppression, or conscious disregard of rights, and deny that they are liable for punitive damages. Defendants deny any remaining allegations for lack of information and belief.

### **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

66. In response to plaintiffs' prayer for relief, defendants deny that plaintiff is entitled to declaratory judgment or monetary damages, or any other relief. Defendants assert that plaintiff is not entitled to punitive damages.

### **AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES**

As separate and affirmative defenses, defendants allege as follows:

#### **FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

67. Plaintiffs' FAC fails to state a claim upon which relief can be granted. Plaintiffs' FAC also fails to state a claim against defendants.

#### **SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

68. Defendants deny that plaintiffs have been deprived of any rights, privileges, or immunities guaranteed by the laws of the United States or by the laws of the State of California.

#### **THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

69. At all relevant times, Defendants acted within the scope of discretion, with due care, and good faith fulfillment of responsibilities pursuant to applicable statutes, rules and regulation, within the bounds of reason under all circumstances known, and with the good faith belief that its actions comported with federal and state laws. Defendants therefore assert their qualified immunity from liability.

#### **FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

70. Plaintiffs have suffered no actual injury due to Defendants' conduct.

#### **FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

71. Defendants assert that this action may be subject to the doctrine of collateral estoppel or res judicata due to the pendency of any related state court

1 proceedings arising from the same incidents and/or due to any duplicated federal  
2 claims.

3 **SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

4 72. Plaintiffs' claims are barred by all applicable statutes of limitations.

5 **SEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

6 73. Any and all happenings, events, damages and injuries, if any, referred  
7 to in the FAC were proximately caused and contributed by plaintiffs' own conduct  
8 in that they failed to comply with orders at the alleged times and places.

9 **EIGHTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

10 74. Plaintiffs' own conduct estops them from claiming the damages in the  
11 FAC.

12 **NINTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

13 75. Plaintiffs are not entitled to punitive damages because defendants did  
14 not act with malicious intent to deprive them of any constitutional right or to cause  
15 any injury. Punitive damages are not recoverable for the claims set forth.

16 **TENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

17 76. Defendants are not vicariously liable for acts of subordinates or  
18 subject to liability under the doctrine of *respondeat superior*.

19 **ELEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

20 77. Plaintiffs failed to mitigate their own damages, if any exist.

21 **TWELFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

22 78. Should plaintiffs recover damages against defendants, defendants are  
23 entitled to have the amount abated, apportioned or reduced to the extent that any  
24 other party's negligence caused or contributed to damages, if any there were.

25 **THIRTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

26 79. Answering defendants allege by way of a plea of comparative  
27 negligence that plaintiffs and other parties were negligent in and about the matters  
28 and activities alleged in the FAC, that said negligence contributed to and was a

1 proximate cause of the alleged injuries and damages, if any, and that if plaintiffs  
 2 and/or other parties are found to have been negligent, and if the plaintiffs are  
 3 entitled to recover damages against the answering defendants by virtue of the FAC,  
 4 these defendants pray that said recovery be diminished by reason of the negligence  
 5 of the plaintiffs in proportion to the degree of fault attributable to the plaintiffs.

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#### 7 **FOURTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

8 80. Defendants allege that Plaintiffs' claims are barred by the equitable  
 9 doctrines of estoppel, laches and unclean hands.

#### 10 **FIFTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

11 81. Defendants allege that at no time did Defendants breach any  
 12 mandatory legal duty owed to Plaintiffs the proximate cause of which was  
 13 Plaintiffs' alleged injury and/or damages.

#### 14 **SIXTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

15 82. Defendants allege that none of their agents and/or employees engaged  
 16 in any interference, or attempts to interfere, by threats, intimidation, violence or  
 17 coercion with Plaintiffs' exercise or enjoyment of their constitutional rights.

#### 18 **SEVENTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

19 83. Defendant City of Adelanto is not liable because it did not operate the  
 20 detention center where plaintiffs were held.

#### 21 **EIGHTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

22 84. Plaintiffs' state law claims are barred by his failure to comply with the  
 23 strictures of the Government Tort Claims Act.

#### 24 **NINETEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

25 85. Defendant City of Adelanto is immune from liability for their actions  
 26 by the application of one or more of the immunities set forth in the California  
 27 *Government Code*, including the immunities set forth in §§ 820, 820.2, 820.4,  
 28 820.6, 820.8.



1 **TWENTIETH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

2 86. There is no liability for any injury or damages, if any there were,  
3 caused by the failure to furnish or obtain medical care for any prisoner. (Cal. Gov.  
4 Code, § 845.6.)

5 **TWENTY-FIRST AFFIRAMTIVE DEFENSE**

6 87. There is no liability for any injury or damages, if any there were,  
7 caused by a prisoner or to a prisoner. (Cal. Gov. Code, § 844.6.)

8 **TWENTY-SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

9 88. To the extent that the Complaint attempts to predicate liability upon  
10 any public entity defendant, or any agent or employee thereof, for purported  
11 negligence in removal, prescription, disinfection, or assessment, liability is barred  
12 by Government Code sections 815.2 and 820.2 and *Herndon v. County of Marin*  
13 (1972) 25 Cal. App. 3d 933, 935, 936, reversed on other grounds by *Sullivan v.*  
14 *County of Los Angeles* (1974) 12 Cal.3d 710; by the lack of any duty running to  
15 Plaintiff; by the fact that any such purported act or omission is governed  
16 exclusively by statute and is outside the purview of any public employees'  
17 authority; and by the failure of any such acts or omissions to be the proximate cause  
18 of any injury alleged in the Complaint.

19 **TWENTY-THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

20 89. The Defendant is immune from liability except as provided by statute  
21 pursuant to California Government Code §§ 815 and 820.

22 **TWENTY-FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

23 90. Plaintiffs' claim for punitive damages is barred because a public entity  
24 is not liable for damages awarded under Civil Code section 3294 or other damages  
25 imposed primarily for the sake of example and by way of punishing defendant(s).

26 **TWENTY-FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

27 91. Because the Complaint is couched in conclusory terms, answering  
28 defendant cannot fully anticipate all affirmative defenses that may be applicable to

1 this action. Accordingly, the right to assert additional affirmative defenses, if and  
2 to the extent that such affirmative defenses are applicable, is hereby reserved.

3 **DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL**

4 Defendants hereby demand a trial before a jury on all issues presented by  
5 Plaintiffs' FAC triable to a jury.

6 WHEREFORE, Defendants pray that:

- 7 1. Judgment be rendered in favor of Defendants and against Plaintiffs; and  
8 2. Plaintiffs take nothing by the FAC; and  
9 3. Defendants be awarded costs of suit incurred herein; and  
10 4. Defendants be awarded such other and further relief as the Court may  
11 deem necessary and proper.

12 Dated: October 25, 2018

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